

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, line 11 to page 9, line 3 as follows:

--        Because verification system 28 relies on detecting watermarks, it is possible to diminish the efficacy of verification system 28 by attempting to individually process small fragments of the watermarked digital recording 24. Such small fragments may be too short for the watermark to be recognized, thus giving the appearance that, for instance, the content is not copyrighted (i.e., it comprises legacy content) and should be processed. For example, assume that compliant device 26 was a recording mechanism and watermarked digital recording ~~12-24~~ was an illegal copy of a single song. Because the entire CD is not present, recording of the entire song would be aborted since one or more sections from the song would not be properly verified. To circumvent this, a pirate, acting in a secure domain, could try to stitch or merge individually recorded song fragments. Specifically, one could try to: (1) divide the song into a plurality of fragments (e.g., a section, a few sections, or portions of sections); (2) separately input individual fragments into compliant device 26; (3) attempt to record each fragment individually; and (4) reset the recording equipment after each successful recording and repeat until a complete song has been recorded.--.